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REQUEST

FOR

CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTALSubsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number 09/926,373

Filing Date January 16, 2002

First Named Inventor Philippe FURODET

Group Art Unit 3725

Examiner Name Lowell A. Larson

Attorney Docket Number 024118-00011

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to application Examination and Provisions Application Practice, Fine Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on (Any May 5, 2004 unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Petition for Extension of Time (3rd month)

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, fee deficiency or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 01-2300
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$1,720.00 (\$770.00 filing fee and 950.00 EOT fee)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	Robert K. Carpenter	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	34,794
Signature)	<i>Robert K. Carpenter</i>	Date	August 23, 2004

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Philippe FURODET

Art Unit: 3725

Application No.: 09/926,373

Examiner: Lowell A. Larson

Filed: January 16, 2002

Attorney Dkt. No.: 024118-00011

For: DIE-STAMPING METHOD AND TOOLS, USE THEREOF FOR STAMPING
BENCHES AND STAMPED ARTICLES AS BENCHES THUS OBTAINED

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT WITH FILING OF AN RCE

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Date: August 23, 2004

Sir:

Further to Applicants' May 5, 2004 Response, and in further reply to the Office Action dated October 21, 2003, the time period for response having been extended until August 21, 2004 (Saturday) with the filing of the attached Petition for Extension of Time, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination and the remarks on the following pages: